

REMARKS

In order to correct claim 6, which is an improper claim due to being a multiple dependent claim which is dependent from another multiple dependent claim (claim 3), claim 6 has been amended to depend only from claim 2, and new claim 33 has been added which depends from claim 3.

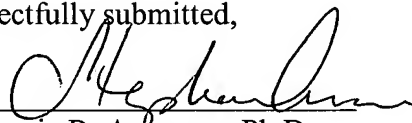
Accordingly, since claim 6 now depends from a non-multiple dependent claim, it counts as one claim (which, because it was initially improper it was originally counted only once). New claim 33, being dependent from multiple dependent claim 3, counts as 2 claims. The claim fee is calculated accordingly.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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